

WOMAN HAS EVEN CHANCE FOR LIFE

Miss Marshall Still Being Treated in Norfolk Hospital.

WELL KNOWN IN NEW ENGLAND

Was Brilliant Student and Successful Newspaper Writer.

NORFOLK, VA., December 22.—Margaret Marshall, the former young woman, who attempted suicide at Virginia Beach last week by putting three pistol bullets in her head, is still alive and conscious at St. Vincent's Hospital here, and her chances for recovery were to-day pronounced about even. The attending physicians thought it best to defer for several days yet the operation, which is necessary to probe for the bullet embedded in the roof of the girl's tongue.

Miss Marshall's father went to the hospital to-day, but he did not see her.

Cannot Account for Rash Act. BOSTON, MASS., December 22.—Miss Margaret Moers Marshall, the young woman who attempted her life at Virginia Beach, was widely known throughout New England through her exceptional brilliancy as a newspaper woman and an author and teacher, and hosts of friends are at a loss to understand the reason for her rash act.

Miss Marshall is the daughter of Herbert W. Marshall, a well known carriage manufacturer of Kingston, N. H., and was born September 2, 1887. Her kinsman, the late John P. Marshall, was for nearly a half a century one of the most prominent professors at Tufts College. She prepared for college at Sanborn Seminary. During her college course her facility in writing attracted attention, and she soon entered upon newspaper work. She was graduated from Tufts in three years instead of four. She was considered an unusual student, and made a remarkable record in English and ancient and modern history. She was a deep thinker and great reader, and soon made herself known by her writing, which appeared in many of the leading papers and magazines of the country. Many of her poems were also published in leading magazines. After leaving college, Miss Marshall taught school for a year at Westbrook Seminary, near Portland, Maine. During this time she occupied the position of society editor of the Portland Express. Her success in reporting society events soon made her one of the most sought after members of the staff of this paper, at the same time making for her many friends. From Portland she went to Boston, where she worked on the staff of the Boston Herald for over a year, doing general work that brought her several advances in salary and a tempting offer from a New York paper, which she accepted a few months ago.

At Start Hall, the Tufts dormitory, where Miss Marshall roomed while at college, the news of the attempt on her life was received with consternation. Mrs. A. N. Edwards, the matron, said that Miss Marshall was talented and brilliant, always considered peculiar. She was an indefatigable worker and of a highly nervous temperament.

New City Treasurer Qualifies. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] DANVILLE, VA., December 22.—W. G. Taylor, who was elected City Treasurer of Danville to succeed C. P. Goughan, qualified to-day before Judge A. M. Aiken, of the Corporation Court, and will take up the duties of his office the first of the year. Mr. Taylor will hold the office for four years, he being well qualified for the position, having been a deputy in the City Treasurer's office for a number of years.

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TREMENDOUS DROP IN OIL EXPORTS

Caused by Abrogation of Reciprocity Treaty With France.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22.—Alarmed by a drop from \$1,000,000 to \$25,543 in mineral oil exports to France in a month, American oil exporters have begun a movement to induce Congress to renew with the French government the reciprocity treaty which expired on October 31 last. Exporters also hope for the renewal of the treaty with Spain, also a large importer of American oil, which will expire on August 31, 1910.

Notwithstanding the abrogation of the reciprocity treaty with France, the reports to the bureau for November, the first month under the new order of things, show larger totals in both imports and exports than in the corresponding month of last year.

Raw cotton, which is imported into France free of duty, and hence is not affected by tariff changes, is largely responsible for the increase in exports. While art works twenty years old and over, admitted free under the new law, diamonds and hides were responsible for the increased imports. The falling off in the imports of champagne from France, due to the increased tariff, was most marked, declining from \$551,674 in November, 1904, to \$53,062 in November, 1905.

The increase in the value of exports to France occurred chiefly in raw cotton, an article not affected by tariff changes, since it is imported free of duty into France. The value of raw cotton exports to France in November, 1905, was \$18,795,513, against \$7,065,072 in November, 1904, this advance being due in part to higher prices.

Held for Embezzlement.

ALBANY, GA., December 22.—H. B. Manning, a clerk in the post-office, was arrested here this morning by Post-Office Inspector Wilson, of Atlanta, charged with embezzlement of money order funds and with destroying first-class mail.

Official Sleuth for Nation's Bankers



WILLIAM J. BURNS

Has been appointed the official sleuth for the bankers of the country. The Pinkertons used to have this business. It is the largest detective job in the world, for there are 11,000 banking institutions which belong to the American Bankers' Association. The Pinkertons and the bankers did not get along very well recently, and when W. J. Burns, who had distinguished himself by his work for the government on the Pacific slope, opened an agency in New York, the Bankers' Association made a contract with him to take up their work.

CALLS WIFE FOOL AND STUPID IDIOT

Brokaw Doesn't Deny Using Such Epithets When Occasion Demanded.

NEW YORK, December 22.—W. Gould Brokaw did not take the stand in his own defense to-day, as had been expected. Instead, his counsel continued to introduce testimony designed to show that the demands of Mrs. Brokaw, who is suing for separation, with alimony of \$60,000 a year, are unreasonable, in view of the husband's diminished fortune.

John F. McIntyre, Mr. Brokaw's lawyer, explained that one of his associates, who had the minutes of the trial, had been detained, and that the case could not well go on without him. An early adjournment was therefore granted, with the understanding that Mr. Brokaw would testify to-morrow.

John F. McIntyre declared to-day that Mr. Brokaw in his testimony would not deny that he had called his wife "a little fool" and "a stupid idiot" and other names, "which the occasion demanded," but that it would be shown there had been abundant provocation for loss of temper on the part of his client. The attorney declared also that he would show that James A. Blair, Mrs. Brokaw's father, had interfered in the Brokaw family affairs, and had threatened to hold Mr. Brokaw to account if the latter's conduct made Mrs. Brokaw unhappy.

Mr. Brokaw paced up and down the corridor of the courthouse to-day, his lips moving rapidly, as if he was rehearsing the testimony he would be called upon to give.

Much of the court's time to-day was taken up with testimony of North Carolinians called to show how Mr. Brokaw's wealth had diminished of recent years, making demands for such alimony as his wife has asked unreasonable.

The illness of Mrs. Brokaw's mother, Mrs. James A. Blair, who has been stricken with pneumonia at her home in Westbury, has given her worry and deprived her of the supporting presence in court of her father. This, together with continued use of cigarette smoking and cocktail drinking which the trial developed, has served to break the splendid poise which she so long maintained.

WORK OF FIREBUGS STARTS NEAR PANIC

Blaze in New York Apartment House Has Sensational Features.

NEW YORK, December 22.—Sensational rescues, a semi-panic in an adjoining hospital, and operations of sneak thieves in nearby buildings featured an incendiary fire in an East Thirty-third Street apartment building to-day. Two men had a narrow escape from death, one being swung across an airshaft, dangling from a rope's end, and another plunging through the glass of a closed window several feet away, to escape death by fire.

Fire, starting on the fourth floor, found oil-soaked woodwork to feed upon, and the hallways were soon filled with smoke, cutting off escape by the ordinary exits. Most of the tenants were rescued from the fire escapes by means of ladders, and the firemen turned their attention to the airshaft.

Clinging to Window Sill. On the fourth floor, Gustav Linnell, a mechanical draughtsman, was found by policemen, who made their way up to the adjoining house fronting on the airshaft, clinging to a window sill, backed by flames. He held on until firemen appeared on the roof with a rope, which they lowered and directed the man to fasten about his body. He did so, and, high in the air, was swung across the shaft into the arms of the waiting policemen.

Jerold Farrell was another man caught in a fifth floor room on the airshaft. Although the firemen shouted to him not to jump, Farrell, fearing he would be burned to death, leaped across the airshaft into a closed window of the next building. His arms smashed in the glass, and his body hung for a moment on the sill. Policemen opportunely appeared and dragged him in.

Near-Panic in Hospital. The Polytechnic Hospital, in the rear of the burning building, was filled with smoke, and the patients became alarmed. The entire force from the students' and nurses' home nearby had to be called to the scene to calm the fears of the excited inmates. Guests in the Delaware Hotel at Thirty-fourth Street hurriedly packed their belongings, but did not have to leave the building. Several flats in nearby houses which had been abandoned by their owners were found later to have been entered and ransacked by sneak thieves.

The fire gutted the two upper floors of the apartment building, but the damage is not heavy.

Fovvikes—Glass. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SOUTH BOSTON, VA., December 22.—This afternoon at 3 o'clock the home of Mrs. Irving C. McDowell, on upper Main Street, was the scene of a pretty home wedding, when her sister, Miss Rosa James Glass, became the bride of Henry Lee Fovvikes, of Danville. Rev. Mr. Williams, of the Christian Church of Danville, officiating. Miss Nora Fovvikes, of Danville, the groom's sister, was maid of honor, while Roger Swain, also of Danville, acted as best man. The bride was given away by her father, J. Carter Glass. Masters James Glenn and Cecil McDowell, of this place, were the ribbon-bearers. The wedding lunch was served one hour previous to the ceremony. After a bridal tour to Atlanta and other points South, Mr. and Mrs. Fovvikes will be at home to their friends in Danville.

"Jack" Perdue Not Escaped Convict. MACALESTER, OKLA., December 22.—"Jack" Perdue, a former deputy United States marshal, who was arrested here two weeks ago, charged with being James Dobson, who escaped from prison in Pennsylvania twenty years ago, was discharged last night, having convinced the authorities that he was not the escaped convict.

Injured in Coal Mine. MACALESTER, OKLA., December 22.—Five men were injured, two seriously, in an explosion at a coal mine near here to-day.

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